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SUBJ: REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSION

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 3118

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPY OF REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSION WHICH WAS SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT LAMIZANA ON OCTOBER 13. THE REPORT IS IN FIVE PARTS: A) A DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON POLITICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS; B) A DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL PROBLEMS: C) A DRAFT CONSTITUTION; D) RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUTURE ELECTORAL LAW; AND E) A PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL RULE.

2. CONTRARY TO LAST SENTENCE PARA 2 REFTEL, THE NEW DRAFT CONSTITUTION MAKES NO MENTION OF DENIAL OF CIVIC AND POLITICAL RIGHTS TO CERTAIN FORMER POLITICIANS. THIS MUST HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED AT THE LAST MINUTE.

3. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IS SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS THE REPORT
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ON OCTOBER 25. THE INDEPENDENT DAILY " L'OBSERVATEUR" BEGAN

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PUBLISHING PARTS OF THE REPORT ON OCTOBER 20, INCLUDING THE
PROPOSED CALENDAR WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS:
OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1976: APPOINTMENT OF NEW GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL
UNITY.
DECEMBER 1976: CAMPAIGN OF INFORMATION SO THAT VOLTAN PEOPLE WILL
UNDERSTAND WHAT CHANGES ARE BEING PROPOSED.
DECEMBER-JANUARY 1977: ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES.
FEBRUARY 1977: OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF LIST OF POLITICAL PARTIES.
FEBRUARY 1977: CAMPAIN PREPARATORY TO REFERENDUM
FIRST WEEK OF MARCH 1977: NATIONAL REFERENDUM ON NEW
CONSTITUTION

SECOND WEEK OF MARCH 1977: PROCLAMATION OF NEW CONSTITUTION AND
NEW ELECTORAL LAWS
END OF MARCH 1977: ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACIES FOR NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.
FIRST WEEK OF APRIL 1977: OFFIIAL PUBLICATION OF CANDIDACIES.
APRIL 1977: ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND PRESIDENCY
SECOND WEEK OF MAY 1977: ELECTION OF DEPUTIES TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRD WEEK OF MAY 1977: PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
FIRST WEEK OF JUNE 1977: PRESIDENTIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION IF
REQUIRED.
END OF JUNE 1977: INAUGURATION OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
'7)6 1977: INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT. APPOINTMENT OF PRIME
MINISTER AND FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT.
COMMENT:
4. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER PUBLICATION IN THE PRESS OF
PARTS OF SPECIAL COMMISSION'S REPORT WAS AUTHORIZED OR WHETHER
IT WAS LEAKED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. IT WOULD SEEM
UNUSUAL FOR PRESIDENT LAMIZANA TO AUTHORIZE THE REPORT'S
PUBLICATION BEFORE IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS. ON OTHER HAND, DOZENS OF COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE
NOW CIRCULATING IN OUAGADOUGOU SO THAT DISCLOSURE OF ITS CONTENTS
IN THE PRESS IS NOT LIKELY TO DO MUCH ADDITIONAL HARM.
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